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AMEND ARAB RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY ROME FOR DR. MOREY, DEPUTY ASST. SEC. FOR IO:
SECSTATE FOR ASSIST.SECRETARY OF STATE BUFFUM

1. ARABS LED BY PLO REPS. MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT BLOCK ANY CHANGE IN RESOLUTION. THEY EXERTING EXTREME PRESSURE ON AFRICANS, LA'S AND ASIANS. AS OF PARIS TIME, 10:00 P.M., ARABS CLAIM HAVE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY FOR PASSAGE WITH CO-SPONSORS ALONE.

2. TWO HOUR BLACK AFRICAN MEETING WITH ARAB AFRICAN STATES ENDING 8:00 P.M. NOV. 5 PROVED STORMY AND INCONCLUSIVE AS ARABS REFUSED TO ACCEPT AFRICAN AMENDMENT (LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) DRAFTED BY DAHOMEYAN AMBASSADOR. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR ALMOST GOT TO PHYSICAL BRAWL WITH SUDANESE (PRESIDENT OF ARAB GROUP) WHEN LATTER REFUSED TO COMPROMISE.

3. HOWEVER, SIX AFRICANS, MOSTLY ANGLOPHONES, HAVE AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR IF REPEAT IF ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA CAN BE FOUND.
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4. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (VAN USSEL) TOLD PERM REP AND DAHOMEYAN HE WOULD CO-SPONSOR. AUSTRIANS AN UNLIKELY ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY.

5. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO GET ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS THAT AFRICANS WANT BUT SO FAR ONLY HAITI HAS MADE VERBAL COMMITMENT. THAILAND AND SINGAPORE REFUSED PERM REP'S PERSONAL DEMARCHES TONIGHT.

6. NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY, BUT ONLY SLIGHT, REMAINS THAT AFRICANS MAY GO AHEAD WITH AMENDMENT DESPITE LACK OF DESIRED CO-SPONSORES BECAUSE NEXT DB M'BOW HAS MADE CLEAR THE VITAL IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO AVOIDING ANY SANCTION ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL.

7. PERMDEL PROPOSES EXPLANATION OF "NO" VOTE, IF ORIGINAL TEXT PASSES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: (A) US STRONGLY OPPOSED TO RESOLUTION WHICH WHATEVER ITS INTENT, HAS IMPACT OF HURTING RATHER THAN ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE; DIALOGUE PRINCIPLE AT THE BASE OF OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE THROUGHOUT WORLD (B) US DEPLORES MEASURES WHICH POLITICIZE AND THEREFORE DIVIDES UNESCO AND OTHER SPECIALIZED, NON-POLITICAL UN AGENCIES. (C) ISRAEL, NO LESS THAN ANY OTHER STATE, HAS RIGHT TO

FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO. US DEEPLY CONCERNED AND REGRETS WHAT THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION MAY MEAN IN TERMS FRAGMENTATION AND, PERHAPS, ULTIMATE END OF UNESCO AS A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL NATIONS REGARDLESS OF THEIR DIFFERENCES.

8. FYI: ISRAELIES WHEN ASKED BY PERM REP IF THEY WILLING CONTACT VARIOUS LA'S TO ASCERTAIN INTEREST IN POSSIBLY CO-SPONSORING SOFTER AFRICAN RESOLUTION, FLATLY REFUSED.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.
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